

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

Municipalities - Bheemunipatnam Municipality, Vishakhapatnam District - Abolition of the Municipality under Section 3-A of A.P. Municipalities Act, 1965 - Notification - Issued.

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**MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (ELEC.II) DEPARTMENT**

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**G.O.Ms.No. 374,**

**Dated:30.07.2013.**

**Read the following:**

1. From the Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.Roc.No.4092/2010/Ele.II, dated:22.04.2013 and 29.04.2013.
2. Government Memo No.3545/Elec.II/2010, M.A & U.D Department, dated:25.05.2013.
3. From the Municipal Commissioner, Bheemunipatnam Municipality, Bheemunipatnam Letter No.238/A/2012-G1, Dated:12.06.2013. Orders of Hon'ble High Court dated:17.06.2013 in PIL No.281/2013.
4. From the Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Hyderabad, Letter Roc.No.4092/2010/Ele.II, dated:18.06.2013.
5. Govt. Memo No.3545/Ele.I/2010, MA & UD Department, Dated:24.07.2013.

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**ORDER**

Vishakhapatnam is the second largest city in Andhra Pradesh, a sprawling industrial city and one of the fast emerging metropolises. The large-scale expansion of Vishakhapatnam and its suburbs began since 1970 with the setting up of the Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant at Gajuwaka and the townships development undertaken by Vishakhapatnam Urban Development Authority. The trend of population expansion and growth is more pronounced along the National Highway-5. With the establishment of various industries, Gangavaram Port and SEZ towards the west of Vishakhapatnam the urban spread of Visakhapatnam is increasing in a linear pattern.

2. The rapid pace of development and growth in and around Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation and Anakapalle and Bheemunipatnam Municipalities are posing severe strain on the physical infrastructure facilities and services and creating problem of effective management and administration in view of Municipality of local bodies.

3. Hence, considering all the above, and with a view (i) to provide better civic services; (ii) better administrative mechanism; (iii) ensure better planning; focussed development in and around Vishakhapatnam; (iv) more equitable devolution of finances and utilization of resources; (v) ensure uniform enforcement; and (vi) to make the Vishakhapatnam and its suburbs internationally competitive with world class infrastructure and services; the Government have decided to expand the limits of Greater Vishakhapatnam Municipal Corporation by merging Anakapalle and Bheemunipatnam Municipalities and ten (10) Gram Panchayats located around Greater Vishakhapatnam Municipal Corporation.

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4. In the Government Memo 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, Government have issued notice to Bheemunipatnam Municipal Council under proviso (a) of sub-section (1) of Section 3-A of the Andhra Pradesh Municipalities Act, 1965, to show cause as to why the Bheemunipatnam Municipality should not be abolished so as to include the said areas covered by Bheemunipatnam Municipality in the Greater Vishakhapatnam Municipal Corporation. In the letter 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Commissioner, Bheemunipatnam Municipality has stated that the Council in its resolution No.474, dated:11.06.2013, has given no objection for merging of Bheemunipatnam Municipality into Greater Vishakhapatnam Municipal Corporation in the interest of town.

5. The Hon'ble High Court in its orders dated:17.06.2013 in the PIL No.281/2013 filed by Sri B. Narasimha Murthy, while disposing the PIL has directed the respondent concerned to consider the objections raised by the Petitioner, upon hearing the Petitioner and take final decision in the matter within four weeks. In pursuance of the above Hon'ble High Court Orders, the Principal Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department has heard the Petitioner on 06.07.2013. In the Government Memo 5<sup>th</sup> read above, after examining contents of the hearing held in pursuance of the orders in PIL No.281/2013 and the representations of Petitioners submitted to the Government in compliance of the orders of the Hon'ble High Court, issued orders rejecting the objections made therein to be untenable and not maintainable as per the various statutory provisions pertaining to merger.

6. Therefore, the Government, after careful examination, have decided to abolish the Bheemunipatnam Municipality under section 3-A of the Andhra Pradesh Municipalities Act, 1965, as the area covered under Municipality shall be merged into Greater Vishakhapatnam Municipal Corporation.

7. Accordingly, the following notification shall be published in the Extra-Ordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette **dated.31.07.2013.**

#### **NOTIFICATION**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3-A of the Andhra Pradesh Municipalities Act, 1965, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby abolish the Bheemunipatnam Municipality so as to merge the areas covered under the said Municipality into the Greater Vishakhapatnam Municipal Corporation.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**ADHAR SINHA**

**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Commissioner, Printing, Stationary and Stores Purchase Department, A.P.,  
Hyderabad with a request to publish the Notification and furnish the 100  
copies of the Notification immediately

The Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Commissioner, Greater Vishakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Vishakhapatnam.

The District Collector, Vishakhapatnam District.

The Special Officer, Bheemunipatnam Municipality, Vishakhapatnam District.

The Commissioner, Bheemunipatnam Municipality, Vishakhapatnam District.

**Copy to:**

The Secretary, State Election Commissioner, Hyderabad.

The P.S to Secretary to C.M.

The P.S to Minister for Municipal Administration.

The P.S to Principal Secretary to Government (MA), M.A & U.D Dept.  
The Law (A) Department.  
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SECTION OFFICER